



CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

REDEVELOPMENT/LAND BANK AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT MEETING MINUTES

December 13th, 2023, 11:30 A.M.

144 West Third Street, Trade & Transit Centre II, Third Floor-Michael Ross Room

1. Call to Order-Jennifer Matz called the meeting to order at 11:30AM
2. Roll Call (Sign-in-Sheets)
3. Approval of minutes from the meeting of October 25, 2023, November 14th and November 28th 2023.

Jade Walton made a motion to approved the meeting minutes of October-25, November-14 and November-28, seconded by Tom McDermott-motion approved and carried (3-0).

4. Blighted Property
 - a. 2169 Mosser Ave

Mr. Memmi asked the board to consider authorizing Solicitor, Douglas Engelman to begin eminent domain proceedings for 2169 Mosser Ave. The property would be rehabilitated back to livable conditions by developers, Habitat for Humanity, or adjacent neighbors who have expressed interest in the property. It was also mentioned that the property could be transferred to the Landbank Authority which can gather the 5 years of taxable funding to help offset the cost.

An additional property was scheduled to be presented today, but has been sold and a permit has been filed. A list of blighted properties with progress was also shared.

Tom McDermott made a motion for Mr. Engelman to begin eminent domain proceedings, seconded by Jade Walton-motion approved and carried (3-0).

5. Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity

The grant application for Share Funds has been submitted to DCED. We can expect to hear back within 120 days.



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6. Any Other Business

Abdul Walker from Leadership Lycoming visited today as he is required to attend a board meeting. Mr. Walker has always had an interest in the RDA/LBA because of its blight program and how homes are renovated. He questioned the status of the Webster School Building on Memorial Avenue, which has been acquired and going through the process of a zoning change and codes compliance.

Mr. Memmi shared a copy of the RDA/LBA 4th quarter budget that captured January 2023 through December 2023. It was presented to the city along with the sub-recipient agreements and the funds have been released and deposited into Woodlands Bank. Checks will be issued to the Sun Gazette for advertising, the City of Williamsport for payroll and benefits and Lepley, Engelman, Yaw & Wilk, LLC for solicitor fees.

The Redevelopment Authority/Landbank Authority will hold its annual meeting on January 26, 2024 at 11:30AM.

7. Adjournment-Tom McDermott made a motion to close out the meeting, seconded by Jade Walton-motion approved and carried (3-0).

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Community & Economic Development at 570-327-7511 or cward@cityofwilliamsport.org